House Resolution No. 1106

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who have admirably dedicated themselves to garnering the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to take their places in society as lifelong learners and future community leaders; and

Whereas, the sixth-grade class at Saint Stephen's Academy in Kansas City consists of Kevin Alejo-Morgan, Myrian Cisneros, Kayla DeWolf, Isabel Fierro, Jesus Granados, Javier Hernandez, Amy Lyon, Itzel Magana, Carolann Martin, Erica Rivera, Jamie Thompson, Samantha Wildon, Christopher Wiseman, and Liana Zapien; and

Whereas, with oversight from Saint Stephen's Academy Principal Connie Armstrong and sixth-grade teacher Andrew Brandt, the students have been participating in the "That's Not Fair" Catholic social justice program which is coordinated by Tom Turner, executive Director of the Bishop Sullivan Center, and taught by Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hanover; and

Whereas, the Saint Stephen's Academy sixth graders, as part of their That's Not Fair studies, designed a sixteen-square quilt in which each square represents a value that is a core component of Catholic social justice; and

Whereas, students developed a visual illustration of each value for incorporation on each quilt square; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, the fourteen students, their classroom teacher, the Academy's principal, and the That's Not Fair program director and teachers will journey to Jefferson City to present their artistic handiwork to the members of the Missouri House of Representatives as a reminder that state government needs to "blanket" the foster care system with sixteen values; and

Whereas, the representatives from the Saint Stephen's Academy program will enjoy a lunch and a tour before heading back to Kansas City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the participation of the Saint Stephen's Academy sixth-grade class in the That's Not Fair Program and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on March 15, 2005, and our sincerest best wishes for continued personal, academic, and civic-minded growth and maturation for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the sixth-grade students at Saint Stephen's Academy of Kansas City in the Diocese of Kansas City/Saint Joseph.

Offered by

Representative John Burnett

District No. 40

Representative Susan C. Phillips

District No. 32

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1106, adopted March 8, 2005.